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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2006, the time for reply having been extended until September 21, 2006, by the attached petition, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the **Specification** begin on **page 1** of this paper.

A new **Abstract** is listed on **page 2** of this paper.

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 3** of this paper.

Remarks begin on **page 8** of this paper.